U.S. Congressman Mike Pence, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, delivered the following remarks on the House floor today:

Transcript:

**"We all grieve the loss of life that occurred last week when a flotilla designed to challenge Israel's effective blockade of Gaza ended in military confrontation. But Israel has a right to defend itself.**

**"The history is clear in that region; Gaza is controlled by a terrorist organization known as Hamas. Hamas used Gaza as a launching pad for thousands of rockets that killed innocent civilians in Israel. Israel responded with military force and has instituted a blockade that has saved lives in Gaza and in Israel. And there's no humanitarian crisis. Ten thousand tons of food and medical supplies are transferred into Gaza every single week.**

**"Remarkably, yesterday the president said it was time for Israel to sharply limit its effective blockade in Gaza, saying 'the situation in Gaza is unsustainable.'**

**"The truth is, Mr. President, your policy in Israel is unsustainable.**

**"The American people are on the side of Israel and Israel's right to defend herself.**

**"Mr. President, whose side are you on?"**